Supply of rubber to the Chakkai Rubber Factory.

130 *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENOM (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many tenders were received in response to the notice calling of tenders for the supply of rubber to the Chakkai Rubber Factory at Trivandrum :

(*b*) how many were accepted and the rates quoted in each case for pale crepe and smoked sheets ;

(*c*) whether higher rates were accepted when lower rates were quoted ; and

(*d*) if so, the reasons for the same ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) ;

(*a*) Sixteen-

(*b*) Five tenders were accepted.

The rates quoted are :

(1) Pale crepe (sheets) $4\frac{1}{2}$ as per lb.

(2) Smoked sheet $3\frac{1}{2}$ as per lb.
Pale crep (crepes) $2\frac{1}{2}$ as per lb.

(3) Smoked sheet 6 chs.

(4) „ 6 chs. 3 cash.

(5) „ 6 chs. 4 cash.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Because the quality was superior.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know from the member whether the quality accepted was superior ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : May I know from the member why different rates were quoted?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLLI (*Director of Industries*) : Some of the tenderers quoted only for certain quantity as they were not able to supply more. So I had to accept a higher rate for the remaining quantity.

Industrial Loans.

131. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the classes of industries that have been recognisgd as eligible for industrial loans ;

(*b*) the industries in respect of which loans have been actually granted during the year 1109 : and

(*c*) the amount granted to each class of industries ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) ;

(*a*) Cottage and other minor industries.

(*b*) Two for workshop, one for oil-mill, one for ivory art works and one for a soap factory.

(*c*)

	Rs.
Workshop	3,175
Oil-mill	2,500
Ivory Art Works	600
Soap factory	350

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MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the total amount allotted for industrial loans during last year ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Rs. 50,000

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the reason why the whole amount was not distributed ? Is it due to the lack of applicants ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The properties given as securities were encumbered and so we were not able to distribute the whole amount.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether oil-mill comes under the category of cottage industries ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): We have given some loans even for major industries. The loan was given to oil-mills also because we were allowed to recommend for loans above Rs. 2,500 for mill industries from the amount of Rs. 50,000.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the nature of the arrangements that exist at present to ascertain whether these industrial loans are actually spent for the purpose for which they are given ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Government have appointed an auditor for the purpose. He goes round and finds out whether they have been used for the same purpose for which they were granted. Very often I also visit these institutions.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member whether the loans granted were withdrawn as a result of these inspections ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The loans cannot be withdrawn when once disbursed. When we find that we want to recover the loans, generally we take steps under the Revenue Recovery Regulation and recoup the amount.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether there is an yearly increase of those persons who avail themselves of industrial loans ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether the loans granted were in proportion to the investments of the proprietors ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Sometimes Government issue loans even for starting industries so that there may be cases in which there may be no capital to start with.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any specific condition on which these loans are granted ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): It is governed by rules.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether these sums were given in one lump or by instalments ?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : In one lump.

Labour Strikes.

132. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the frequent labour strikes that take place in the various coir factories at Alleppey and in other factories in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have taken any and what steps to prevent such unpleasant incidents?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to interpellation No. 320 asked by Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai published in the proceedings of the Assembly, dated the 28th May 1934.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether they are now considering any scheme of labour legislation, whether they have in hand any measure of labour legislation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): None.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the reasou?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The need is not felt.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether the Government are aware that some kind of labour legislation will remedy the constant labour strikes?

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of opinion.

Productive Industries.

133. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they propose to take for encouraging and increasing productive industries in the State?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The opening of a Rubber Factory at Trivandrum has been sanctioned. The buildings for the factory are nearing completion and the required machinery has been ordered for, and it is expected that the factory will commence work from March next. A Government Trade Agent has been appointed to find out markets for the Travancore products. A scheme for starting a China clay refining factory and another for the establishment of a porcelain factory in the State are under the consideration of Government. It is arranged to conduct a survey of cottage industries in the State and the Director of Industries has been asked to submit a detailed scheme for the same. With the completion of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electro Scheme, when cheap electric power will be available, several other industries will crop up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With regard to the sentence occuring in the reply "A Government Trade Agent has been

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